

What is claimed is:

1. An absorbent article (40) comprising an absorbent (66), the absorbent article being configured for disposition within the vestibule (42) of a female wearer, the absorbent having a substantially circular geometry and a periphery, the absorbent having at least one notch (100) situated in its periphery.

2. The absorbent article of claim 1, wherein the notch extends inward from the periphery of the absorbent.

3. The absorbent article of claim 2, wherein the notch has dimensions sufficient to allow the absorbent article to maintain a substantially spaced relationship from a female wearer's clitoris (60) when the absorbent article is disposed within the vestibule.

4. The absorbent article of claim 2, wherein the notch has a depth (102) no greater than about 30 mm; and wherein the notch has a width (104) no greater than about 30 mm.

5. The absorbent article of claim 2, wherein the notch has dimensions sufficient to allow the absorbent article to maintain a substantially spaced relationship from a female wearer's perineum (50) when the absorbent article is disposed within the vestibule.

6. The absorbent article of claim 1, further comprising a fluid permeable cover (62).

7. The absorbent article of claim 6, wherein the cover encloses the absorbent.

8. The absorbent article of claim 1, further comprising a liquid impermeable baffle (64).

9. The absorbent article of claim 6, further comprising a liquid impermeable baffle (64).

10. The absorbent article of claim 1, wherein the absorbent further comprises a superabsorbent polymer.

11. An absorbent article (40) comprising a fluid permeable cover (62), a liquid impermeable baffle (64) and an absorbent (66) situated between the cover and the baffle, the absorbent article being configured for disposition within the vestibule (42) of a female wearer, the absorbent having a substantially circular geometry and a periphery, the absorbent having at least one notch (100) situated in its periphery.

12. The absorbent article of claim 11, wherein the notch extends inward from the periphery of the absorbent.

13. The absorbent article of claim 12, wherein the notch has dimensions sufficient to allow the absorbent article to maintain a substantially spaced relationship from a female wearer's clitoris (60) when the absorbent article is disposed within the vestibule.

14. The absorbent article of claim 12, wherein the notch has a depth (102) no greater than about 30 mm; and wherein the notch has a width (104) no greater than about 30 mm.

15. The absorbent article of claim 12, wherein the notch has dimensions sufficient to allow the absorbent article to maintain a substantially spaced relationship from a female wearer's perineum (50) when the absorbent article is disposed within the vestibule.

16. The absorbent article of claim 11, wherein the cover encloses the absorbent.

17. The absorbent article of claim 11, wherein the absorbent further comprises a superabsorbent polymer.

18. An absorbent article (40) comprising a liquid impermeable baffle (64) and an absorbent (66), the absorbent article being configured for disposition within the vestibule (42) of a female wearer, the absorbent having a substantially circular geometry and a periphery, the absorbent having at least one notch (100) situated in its periphery.

19. The absorbent article of claim 18, wherein the notch extends inward from the periphery of the absorbent.

20. The absorbent article of claim 19, wherein the notch has dimensions sufficient to allow the absorbent article to maintain a substantially spaced relationship from a female wearer's clitoris (60) when the absorbent article is disposed within the vestibule.

5 21. The absorbent article of claim 19, wherein the notch has a depth (102) no greater than about 30 mm; and wherein the notch has a width (104) no greater than about 30 mm.

22. The absorbent article of claim 19, wherein the notch has dimensions sufficient to allow the absorbent article to maintain a substantially spaced relationship from a female wearer's  
10 perineum (50) when the absorbent article is disposed within the vestibule.

23. The absorbent article of claim 18, further comprising a fluid permeable cover (62).

24. The absorbent article of claim 23, wherein the cover encloses the absorbent.  
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25. The absorbent article of claim 18, wherein the absorbent further comprises a superabsorbent polymer.

26. An absorbent article (40) comprising a fluid permeable cover (62) and an absorbent  
20 (66), the absorbent article being configured for disposition within the vestibule (42) of a female wearer, the absorbent having a substantially circular geometry and a periphery, the absorbent having at least one notch (100) situated in its periphery.

27. The absorbent article of claim 26, wherein the notch extends inward from the  
25 periphery of the absorbent.

28. The absorbent article of claim 27, wherein the notch has dimensions sufficient to allow the absorbent article to maintain a substantially spaced relationship from a female wearer's clitoris (60) when the absorbent article is disposed within the vestibule.

29. The absorbent article of claim 27, wherein the notch has a depth (102) no greater  
30 than about 30 mm; and wherein the notch has a width (104) no greater than about 30 mm.

30. The absorbent article of claim 27, wherein the notch has dimensions sufficient to allow the absorbent article to maintain a substantially spaced relationship from a female wearer's perineum (50) when the absorbent article is disposed within the vestibule.

5           31. The absorbent article of claim 26, further comprising a liquid impermeable baffle (64).

32. The absorbent article of claim 26, wherein the cover encloses the absorbent.

10           33. The absorbent article of claim 26, wherein the absorbent further comprises a superabsorbent polymer.

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